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COUNSEL CRITICISES SYSTEM OF CHECKING PWD STORES

"Affords Breeding Ground For Corruption" Says Mr Hooton

PROSECUTOR ADDRESSES COURT IN SPARY-KWOK TRIAL

That it was the contention of the prosecution that the system employed at the Electrical Department of the Public Works Department regarding the checking of stores, store orders and estimates, did afford a breeding ground for a crime of the type with which they were dealing, namely a typical case of corruption, was voiced by Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, in the course of his closing address to the jury in the PWD Larceny trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Before Mr Justice Reynolds on trial are Kwok Kwong, 46, foreman, and Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector grade I, facing eleven charges of theft by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences from the K.B.G.C., and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Before Mr Hooton commenced his address, evidence of character was called on behalf of Spary.

Lt-Col E. J. R. Mitchell, OBE, ED, testified that he had known Austin Spary for about twenty years and had known him for three years and eight months in a prison camp as commanding officer. "I would like to say that his conduct there was excellent," he said. "He was general handyman of the officers' camp, repairing watches, medical instruments and generally looking after the electrical supplies. He gave his services freely and voluntarily and was always willing to take on any kind of work."

Crown Counsel and Mr Percy Chen (representing Kwok) said they had no questions to put to the witness.

Mr Francis Brett, MBE, Senior Marine Officer, Marine Department, testified that he had known Spary since 1925. "Mr Spary and I were together in the Volunteers from 1925 to 1929 and were intimate friends," said Brett. "We afterwards joined the ship-shooters company. Our Police Reserve together. We later rejoined the Volunteers together and were in the prison camp together. Our families were on friendly terms with one another. During the whole of my period of friendship with Spary I have known it to be his habit to help anybody who needed help or advice with a thought of reward and during the whole period I have known him I have never heard anything said against him."

Mr D'Alton (representing Spary): Is he the type of man of whom you would be surprised to hear had been involved in anything criminal? Brett: It has come as a very great surprise to me. Mr Hooton and Mr Chen did not ask Brett any questions.

ADDRESS TO JURY

Opening his speech for the prosecution, Mr Hooton said: Members of the jury: The whole of the evidence of this case has now been heard and it is now my duty to sum up the case on behalf of the Crown. As I said when I opened the case you will of course judge the guilt or innocence of the persons charged entirely upon the evidence which has been heard in Court. The speech which I am going to make is intended to assist you to come to the right and proper conclusion on the evidence and inferences can be considered to have been justifiably drawn.

As I said at the beginning it has been in fact a tedious case, and to some extent a sordid one, in which the reputations of some persons have not been improved. The sole matter for your concern is whether these two persons are guilty of the criminal crimes of which they are charged.

This is, of course, in the submission of the prosecution, a typical corruption case. The offences charged are larceny by Government servants and in the right sense of the word it is a case completely of corruption. It has in the submission of the prosecution all the features of a case of that kind, evidence of money passing, evidence of bills being made out, and lack on the part of certain prosecution witnesses to come forward to give their evidence. It has everything which one would expect in a case of this kind.

STRONGER CASE

Now at this stage, I would like to say that all the evidence has been severely tested by cross-examination. All the prosecution witnesses have been subjected to the most searching research into their past careers and activities. I submit that this case is far stronger than when I opened it to you over a month ago. The case for the prosecution was and still is that the second accused, Austin Spary, has been carrying on a private contracting business in which he has authorised the employment of Government materials and Government labour.

He took a prominent part in the arrangements and details because quite naturally the prime mover and organiser would not take such a part and therefore, it was natural that he should shield himself in case of the suspicion of the possibility of anyone collecting sufficient evidence against him.

AMPLE CORROBORATION

Mr Hooton then continued with comments upon the course of the case. Certain of the evidence might be considered by the jury to be that of an accomplice particularly with regard to the witness Ho Ting, foreman at the "Wanchai" workshop. "There was evidence that he knew the work which Spary told him to do was improper and that he was told to steal. His Lordship would no doubt direct them that the evidence of an accomplice should be corroborated but," submitted Mr Hooton, in this instance there was ample corroboration.

Mr Hooton next referred to the course of cross-examination of the prosecution witnesses. The jury would remember that the majority of the European witnesses who initiated the jobs were treated on the whole extremely kindly. They were asked leading questions, said counsel, and the answers came out pat. With regard to the Chinese workmen who gave evidence, Mr Hooton contended that they had told honest stories and from the very beginning their testimony had stood up completely to the cross-examination. They had been treated for the most part in a manner which suggested complete incredulity as if it were quite impossible that what they were saying was the truth.

It had been suggested that they had learnt a lesson as to what they were going to say in the witness box. There were references and allusions in the course of cross-examination that they had been taught this story by Mr Johnson, of the Police, and his staff. The jury might think this was significant or they might think it would be beyond any single Police officer and his staff to invent a story so complete in detail. There was no motive for a Police officer to do such a thing and the jury would no doubt treat that suggestion as being completely preposterous.

The jury, he said, would remember that when the Police officers gave evidence and were cross-examined not a single allegation was made against them. "If one is making allegations it is proper to make them to the people who can answer. Do not hint that they have been misconducting themselves to other people and then not have to put the allegations to their face to face."

Mr Chen: I must take objection to that. My learned friend is bringing personalities into this case and I ask the Court to direct him to refrain. If I am challenged for lack of courage then my friend does not know me.

Mr D'Alton: There was a desire on our part to save time. I could have subjected Mr Johnson to a much longer cross-examination if I so desired.

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ICY BLASTS STRIKE AMERICA'S WEST

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Icey winds howling down out of the Rocky Mountains whipped snow into huge new drifts today, forced the cancellation of many crack trans-Continental trains and threatened grave new cattle losses.

Wide areas of the West, struggling against the worst winter in history, reeled under the impact of the new storm.

The Chicago and Northwestern Railway cancelled all through trains to the West except one.

At Omaha, the commander of the Fifth Army's "Operation Snowbound" said reports from county agents indicated heavy new livestock losses in the great plains blizzard area.

New storms hit California, Oregon, Wyoming, Nebraska and other areas. Roads in Wyoming, which were opened by Army bulldozer crews, closed again when winds whipped old snow into new impassable drifts.

In the Western blizzard area, it was estimated 4,700,000 cattle were in peril. Twenty-one thousand head of sheep and cattle were lost in one Wyoming county alone.

The new storms trapped hundreds of motorists and isolated dozens of cities and towns. Some trains were 20 hours late on the main lines.—United Press.

Burmese Troops Open Big Offensive

PLANES USED AGAINST KARENS

Rangoon, Feb. 7.—Burma Government forces today opened a full-scale offensive against the Karen rebels in Insein, 11 miles north of Rangoon. Pro-Government reports said Burma Air Force planes took part in sweeps and attacks on insurgent positions in the area.

Karen units of the Burmese armed forces in North Burma have been disarmed by the Government, according to tonight's official communique. Precautions were taken in various parts of the country and garrisons have been alerted.

The communique reported clashes between Government troops and Karen insurgents at a point north of Nyaung-U, on the Rangoon-Mandalay railway. The rebels were said to be retreating to the north under heavy Government pressure.

British Embassy lorries today evacuated 30 Britons, including 10 women and 14 children, from Insein just before the Government forces launched a full-scale offensive on the town.

Other Britons decided to remain inside Insein. The evacuees said the insurgents holding the town gave them food and water while they sheltered in a school in Insein during the Government attacks.

Burma Government planes took part in today's offensive which began at noon, the deadline for the Karens to surrender. It was officially stated the Norman West, a reporter for an English-speaking newspaper, was captured by Karens while covering the Insein battle.

ORDER TO STRIKERS

A Burmese reporter, Maung Than, was captured by Insein insurgents at Insein and was believed to have been shot dead. Both newspapermen entered the fighting area on news assignments.

In Rangoon, the Government tonight ordered the 30,000 striking civil servants to report back for duty at noon on Thursday or be dismissed and replaced by "loyal Government servants or new recruits."

Strikers paraded through the streets of Rangoon shouting in protest against a proposed cut in living allowances. The police arrested the leaders of the union which had called the stoppage.

Armed guards stood at strategic points throughout the capital and outside Embassy buildings while administrative offices were empty.—Reuters.

CHIANG GOING TO CANTON, REPORT

Shanghai, Feb. 8.—Chiang Kai-shek will go to Canton on March 29 to preside over an "important conference of the Kuomintang," says the Ta Kung Pao in a brief Canton dispatch.

The paper quoted unidentified "official sources" and did not say whether Chiang might resume the reins of government at the time when he is leaving his place of retirement.—Associated Press.

DELEGATES RECEIVED

Peiping, Feb. 8.—General Yen Chien-ying, Director of the Military Control Committee for the Peiping area, received three of 11 peace delegates from Nanking.

It was presumed the question of a settlement was discussed with the group of Nanking professors.

There is good reason to believe that the Reds don't attack much importance to this delegation except as a channel of communication. Consequently, no real advance is expected until a higher level delegation from Shanghai, headed by elder statesman W. W. Yen, arrives.

As far as can be ascertained, five Chinese correspondents who came with the Nanking group are still confined to the West airfield, eight miles outside the city, where their plane landed yesterday.—Associated Press.

A Little Initiative From Soviet Might Help

MR ATTLEE MAKES A SUGGESTION

London, Feb. 7.—A "little initiative" from the other side of Europe would be of advantage in settling international differences, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, said in the House of Commons today.

A Labour Member, Mr Ronald Chamberlain, had asked him whether "in view of the willingness of both President Truman and Marshal Stalin to meet," he would now offer to arrange such a meeting in London.

"A little energy and initiative might well move mountains," Mr Chamberlain said.

The Prime Minister replied: "The Foreign Secretary, Mr Bevin, has again and again taken the initiative. I do not know why you always think all the initiative must come from this country. A little initiative from the other side of Europe would be of advantage."

Mr Attlee said that as no official communication had been addressed to him by either President Truman or Marshal Stalin, he saw no purpose in intervening as Mr Chamberlain has suggested.

PREMIER DISAGREES

Mr Chamberlain further asked whether the Prime Minister did not agree that the main obstacle to the refusal of either Marshal Stalin or President Truman to meet in each other's territory, and the desire of the President to bring Britain into the conference would be solved by a meeting in London?

Mr Attlee replied briefly: "No, sir."

Mr Emrys Hughes, Labour, asked if the Prime Minister did not think the British Government should take the lead in world peace. Was he aware of the great cordiality with which the Russian sailors (from the battleship Royal Sovereign which the Russians have just returned to Britain) had been greeted in Edinburgh this week?

The Prime Minister replied: "I agree on the desirability of—doing all we can to encourage world peace, but I am not aware that the best method is that suggested by Mr Chamberlain."

Mr Lewis Austin, Labour, suggested that in view of the "fallacy in many respects of orthodox methods," personal pride and prejudice should be put aside and the three States get together and settle their differences if there was to be peace.

Mr Attlee replied: "There is no question of pride and prejudice."—Reuters.

SENATOR'S PROPOSAL

Washington, Feb. 7.—Senator Brien McMahon (Democrat) today proposed that President Truman and Marshal Josef Stalin stage a public exchange of views in radio broadcasts supervised by the United Nations.

In the Senate today, Senator McMahon said such an exchange should be carried directly to the people of the United States and Russia and should precede any new four-power peace talks.—United Press.

Silence Campaign A Failure

Singapore, Feb. 8.—A campaign to ban sounding of automobile horns failed in Singapore. The city commissioners decided enforcement would be too much a strain on police officials.—Associated Press.

Mr Lange Says Norway's Answer To Soviet Note Is Quite Clear

Washington, Feb. 7.—Mr Halvard Lange, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, said in Washington tonight that Norway considered she had made clear to the Soviet Union her position concerning the granting of bases on her territory in the event of a threat to her security.

Speaking to reporters after a 30-minute conference with Mr Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, Mr Lange said: "To my mind, my first reply to the Russian Government was a clear answer." He was referring to the response he gave the first Soviet note to the effect that Norway did not intend to grant the use of military bases except in time of war or unless her security was directly threatened.

The immediate interpretation placed on Mr Lange's remarks about the Russian questions on bases was that he considered that he had already fully answered them and was taking a firm stand against further pressure.

Mr Lange described his meeting with Mr Acheson as "preliminary" and added: "We hope to return to the problem a little later in the week." Questioned on the details of his first discussion with the Secretary of State, he reiterated: "We have come to gather information with a view to learning and in order to report to the Norwegian Cabinet and Parliament as to whether or not Norway ought to accept an invitation

to join in the preparatory talks on the Atlantic Pact."

No such invitation had yet been tendered, Mr Lange said. He refused to give further details of today's discussions or to comment further on the Russian note beyond stating that it was under review by the Norwegian Cabinet.

He and Mr Acheson did not mention it today, he added.

Mr Lange was cheerful but firm in his replies to reporters. Mr Acheson took the unusual step of leaving his office to pose beside the Norwegian Foreign Minister for newswires and press photographs.—Reuters.

S'hai Short Of Butter And Eggs

Shanghai, Feb. 8.—Butter, eggs and coffee are fast disappearing from the tables of foreign homes here as a result of the continued skyrocketing prices caused by the depreciation of the Gold Yuan.

The prices of bread, which was only GY25 on January 31, touched GY130 this morning—an increase of more than 500 percent in eight days. American cigarettes have soared beyond the reach of the majority of the Gold Yuan-salaried class at GY200 per packet of twenty.

A canvass shows the average Shanghai housewife is today engaged in a struggle for survival as hectic as during the final days of the Empire last summer.—Reuters.

EDITORIAL

Manpower Problems

BRITAIN today is trying to do many things: she is producing more goods of all kinds, expanding her exports, building new industrial plants, replacing out-of-date industrial equipment, catching up with the arrears of social development during the war by building new houses, hospitals, schools and universities, extending research laboratories, building new roads, bridges, harbours and improving the railways; and she has not enough manpower to do all this work. The lack of sufficient manpower is at the root of most of Britain's economic difficulties. Nevertheless the manpower situation, tight and difficult as it is, is not quite so bad now as the Government expected it to be when the annual manpower survey was made in 1948. The married women who have responded to the call to stay in their industrial jobs, and the older men who have remained, have eased the manpower situation a little, but they have not solved it. Almost everyone in Britain who can work has got a job today. There are a very few out of work for any length of time, and they are concentrated in a few areas in industry. But although there are 20 million workers in Britain, there are not 20 million people at work in civilian jobs. The number of workers who actually produce the goods on which Britain's prosperity depends, as in other industrial countries, is much smaller than most people realise. There are under four million workers—excluding directors, managers and clerks—in what are called the basic industries: coal mining, agriculture, fishing, transport and in public utility services, gas, water and electricity; and just over seven million in the manufacturing industries, ranging from steel and textiles and machinery, to the making of pots and pans, food processing and making beer and cigarettes. So that when Britain, as a whole, appeals for more production and

harder work, the appeal in fact is addressed primarily to about 11,000,000 workers, who directly or indirectly help to make the finished goods for export and for the home market. The persuasive influence of the Control of Engagement Order has been rather more successful. Under this Order those who wish to change their jobs, or job seekers are allowed to choose from a number of offered jobs, but this Order cannot be used to send people to jobs away from their homes. The vacant jobs are mostly in over-developed and over-crowded areas, where there are neither full-time workers nor vacant houses, while the workless men and women are in areas where there are no expanding industries. But Britain can get out of this stalemate in two moves. One is to build more houses quickly in the already over-developed industrial areas, in the Midlands of England, for instance, where there are thousands of vacant jobs, and in the mining areas in order to attract labour to the mines. The other move is to take jobs to the idle workers by building factories in the old distressed areas, and this has been carried out in a big way. The areas which were called distressed ones between the wars are now called development areas, and under the Distribution of Industry Act, the Government can build factories or help industrialists to build factories, and can clear derelict land, build roads, railways—indeed, do anything to make these areas new centres of Britain's industry. Britain, therefore, unable to increase the size of her labour force, is working to re-arrange its distribution, so that the most important jobs are filled and the less important left unfilled. It is a tremendous task, and as long as the wartime powers of direction are not used to direct workers into essential industries the re-distribution of jobs and workers rests on the slower but democratic use of persuasion and planning.

Bright, Sparkling Eyes



Courtesy Columbia Pictures
Pretty, long lashes frame the sparkling eyes of Movie Star Margaretta Chapman.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THE eyes alone can create an effect of beauty, whose quality places them far above the other features of the face.

The shape of the eyebrows, the eyelids, the lashes, the tissues around the eyes are vital factors that must be taken into consideration. Eyebrows are no longer slimy and floppy. Lashes can be coaxed to grow longer and thicker by applying mineral oil to the roots. The surrounding flesh can be kept firm by the face use of cold water every morning, and gentle massage with an eye cream at bed time. Don't wait until little sun rays appear. Forestall them by keeping the tissues lubricated. A well oiled skin is not likely to wrinkle.

Pouches under the eyes and puffy eyelids are not, as a rule, indicative of eye trouble, but of some general disorder which calls for a medical

check-up. Circles under the eyes do not necessarily mean eye strain or ill health, but may be caused by insufficient adipose covering in that area.

Eye strain, of course, will take the sparkle from the eyes, cause them to be dull and expressionless. To fall to put on glasses when they are needed is to show poor judgment and little sense.

Be kind to your eyes. Don't read in a dim light. It is being done all the time by women who should know better. Don't peruse fine print while facing a window.

The proper reading light is one that comes over the left shoulder, is soft rather than glaring. Every good housewife should see to it that lamps are placed properly beside the chairs in the living room, so that one can read with comfort.

WOMANSENSE

Softly Manipulated Hats

By PRUNELLA WOOD

TWO little hats which will get along without colliding against your furs are shown you here, excellent examples, moreover, of the beautiful line and variety being put into the new, very small hats. Nothing less like a beanie, in beanie size, can be imagined, millinerily speaking, to coin a word.



Jay Thorpe

Above, a tall draped crown and face-framing cuff brim of lobster pink velours, with two wide soft quills in pale coral tone; right, a round-crowned black velours model with cuff brim turned sharply out from the right cheek, rolled high over the hair at the left side. Narrow black veil flitting only over the eyes is a new notion of Gustav Brandt, the designer.

Teen-Age Marriage Has Become A Dangerous Fad

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

IN recent years there have been many hasty marriages of youths who have just finished high school, even before. Some of these youths are from homes which are able to finance higher education. The problem appears more tragic to parents when the son or daughter who easily could go on to college suddenly marries a boy or girl who cannot go to college or who quits school before graduation. For example, a certain mother is very much upset as she writes of her daughter eighteen years old "who expects to go to college" and is "about to be engaged to a boy sixteen years old who has quitted school."

Teen-age marriages are usually poor risks. In the first place, marriage so young means that each partner has had a very limited companionship with the opposite sex, leading to this degree in personality growth. Then too, the economic risk is hazardous, for neither spouse have much education or any vocation.

VALVE OF EDUCATION

Of course, some parents can argue in vain on the value of more education and vocational preparation before marriage, so long as almost any youth can get a job at fabulous pay regardless of his education, as has been happening. But what is going to happen when harder times come? And they are surely coming.

Accustomed from early childhood to have what he wants when he wants it, with very little guidance at home or school at planning and looking ahead, and considering values five, ten, or twenty years hence, the average youth tends to think only in terms of here-and-now. Accordingly, a boy and girl in their teens, struck with romantic love may, in defiance of any reasonable appeal by their parents, feel sure they can each get a good job right away and finance their undertaking without hardship. Don't they see many of their associates doing so? So long as the present economic conditions prevail many youths will go on marrying very early.

Now as you and I know, when a pair of youths are enmeshed in romantic love they are not inclined to reason. If we are to win them through reason to be more sensible we will have to begin on them before they are ready to "fall in love."

SILENT INFLUENCE

Many parents have been so eloquent in their silent influence or so persuasive in their early guidance of the growing child in a home of delightful companionship as to cause their son or daughter to wait and to weigh values in perspective instead of the here-and-now. Consciously or unconsciously these wise parents began when the child was very young to prepare him for wise choice of a mate and for success at marriage by and by.

Some months ago I was discussing this subject of very early marriage

before a group of students and specialists in a family life course at the Montana State College, at Bozeman. The group arrived at the conclusion that courses in family life should begin in the first year of high school, even earlier, with the hope of leading youths much earlier to thinking objectively about the responsibilities of marriage and the effort at self-discipline needed to make a go of marriage. Regrettably, there are few courses in high school, even in college, on family life appealing to boys as well as girls.

Swim Well, Dance Well, Says Esther

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—if you would like to leap through the air with the greatest of ease, says Esther Williams, learn to swim first.

Miss Williams, one of the world's best swimmers, had to match dance steps with Gene Kelly in M-G-M film, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

It wasn't nearly as hard as it would have been if I hadn't spent most of my life in a swimming pool," Miss Williams said.

Swimming, she explained, develops grace, agility and co-ordination. That's exactly what you need to dance as Gene Kelly does. Activity in the water helps develop the same muscles you need to be a good dancer.

"I was worried about dancing with Gene—he's supposed to be one of the best," Miss Williams admitted. "Of course I've always been able to dance, socially. But dancing in front of a camera with a world-famous partner—well, that's something else."

Start Young

"I found it fun. It was relatively easy to keep up with Gene. We twisted and turned, and even leaped through the air."

Dancing, Miss Williams found, is largely a matter of confidence and relaxation. The same with swimming. "As far as I'm concerned, you're never too old to learn, swimming or dancing," she said. "However, the younger you start, the easier it will be."

It's nothing at all to learn to swim, the lady swimmer says, if you're not afraid of the water.

"When you're older you have to overcome a lot of phobias you've acquired about drowning or getting your hair wet or something."

If you want your child to follow in the dancing footsteps of Kelly or Fred Astaire, then advises, Miss Williams, lead him to the nearest swimming pool.

A TOOTHBRUSH PROBLEM

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

NEARLY everybody now uses a toothbrush and, regardless of the controversies concerning its use, it is a good habit to follow. Still, it is true that it has not yet been definitely determined to what extent tooth decay may be prevented by brushing the teeth. But, if for no other reason, the process of brushing the teeth is necessary for good mouth hygiene. And it may be helpful in the treatment of gum disorders.

However, if brushing the teeth is to be of any value, a satisfactory toothbrush, of course, is essential.

Toothbrush Study

An investigation of the type of toothbrushes used by many people has been carried out. The study was made by having over 5,000 families mail in all the toothbrushes then in use by members of the family, in return for which they received new toothbrushes. These families were selected from both city and farm areas and from various economic groups.

The toothbrushes obtained were divided into two general groups, those in satisfactory condition and suitable for further use, and those which were unsatisfactory.

No Longer Effective

Over 8,000 toothbrushes were submitted for examination and, startlingly enough, only about one-fifth of them were found to be in satisfactory working condition. The rest of them were in need of replacement because they could no longer be used effectively for brushing the teeth or because their bristles had even injured the gum tissues.

Bent or broken bristles were found to be the main reason why a toothbrush was unsatisfactory. Malformed bristles were second in importance, and unsanitary conditions the least important.

Proper Care

Many of the toothbrushes had caked dentifrice or food debris at the base of the bristles; therefore, it would seem that emphasis should be placed on the proper care of the toothbrush, such as rinsing it thoroughly after using it to get rid of accumulated materials and allowing it to dry.

People should not only be encouraged to keep the mouth clean by using a toothbrush regularly, but should also realize the importance of using a satisfactory toothbrush and taking good care of it.

Child Faith

The children of the world are starving for spiritual ideas. They're turning to the legend of Santa Claus because it captures their imagination and gives them hope.

Hollywood comedian Eddie Bracken, backing the newly-formed Santa Claus Foundation,



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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



NO MORE OF THIS—This American sergeant will have no more chats with Russian girls like this. Col. Frank L. Howley, U.S. Military Commandant, has barred all fraternisation by Americans with Russians in Berlin.



FIRST SCORE—Tottenham Hotspur centre-forward Rundle, right, follows through after sending a strong left-footed kick over the head of Leicester goalie McGraw in a recent game at White Hart Lane, London.



CALIFORNIA, HERE I COME!—C. Augustson of Swan River, Manitoba, sits at the wheel of his 40-year-old car in Winnipeg. He expects to travel to California and back in it.



MISS BUBBLE BATH OF '60—Candy Bergen, who takes a bubble bath daily for her beauty, is snapped here by her famous father, Edgar Bergen, ventriloquist and amateur photographer. Candy, who will be three years old in May, recently signed a contract to model, carrying on in the footsteps of her mother.



ANOTHER AIRSTRIP—German workers load gravel into trucks from a railway embankment in the British sector of Berlin. The rails were removed by the Russians in 1945, so the gravel is being salvaged for use on construction of a third runway at Gatow Airfield.



NEW HOME—With Big Ben in the background, the new House of Commons begins to take shape in London. It will be finished in 1950, replacing the old one destroyed in the blitz.



SIDEWALK SPIV—Leisurely puffing an American cigarette, this member of the still flourishing Berlin black market takes a rest in the Potsdamer Platz. It's now luxury for luxury as the necessities of life are becoming easier to buy.



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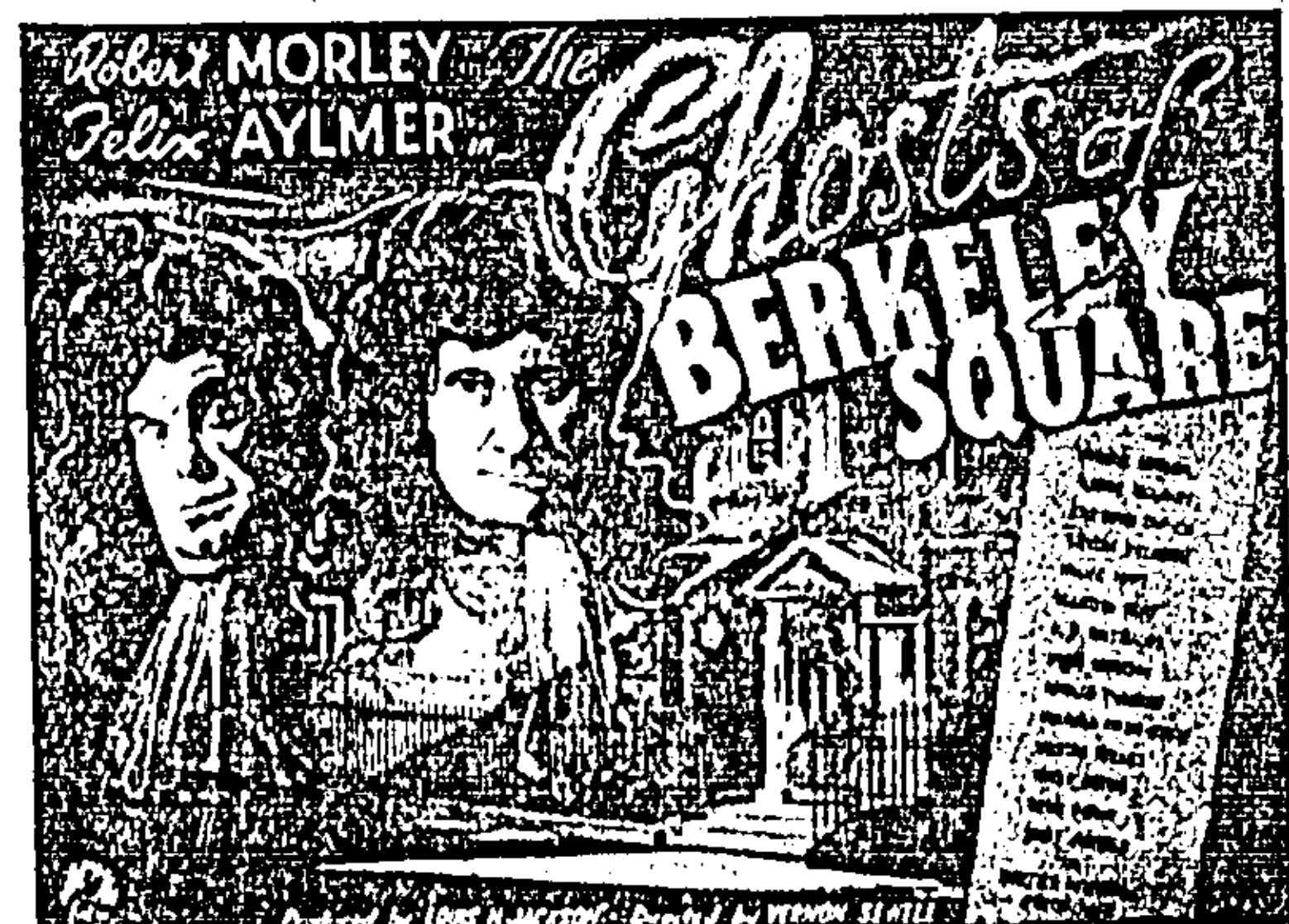
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Harry Truman's inauguration as President of the United States is described by a man who—with Harry the Horse in the old hangout of Damon Runyon—saw it by television

HARRY TRUMAN RIDES IN ON A 'QUAKE'

BY FREDERICK COOK

NEW YORK.

I AM one of the several millions of people here who saw President Truman inaugurated for his second term without the bother of travelling 250 miles down to Washington on the off chance of finding a street corner with a view.

I watched it all—or at least that is what I think I was watching—perched on a stool beside the bar in Damon Runyon's old hangout, Mindy on Broadway.

Harry the Horse was there, too, lugubrious as ever. So were Little Isidore, Big Nig and all the rest of the Broadway characters—enough of them at all events for Clancy the Cop from the corner of 53rd Street to keep strolling in just to see if all went well.

It was an instructive day. But one had to drink an awful lot of beer to justify one's place by the television set.

And it seems now as though I missed the earthquake that apparently shattered Washington while the parade was going on.

A bottle to start

When the programme started it was bewildering for a time. It all began with a very large but indistinct picture of a bottle of laxative. A smoothly nasal voice was saying: "Mothers, when you seek a laxative for your sick child what do you do? Do you take the first thing that is offered? No! Nothing but the best will do for your child. So follow the example of this wise young mother."

Then a camera shot of a sly young woman telephoning the corner drugstore, asking in an anxious tone: "There is nothing better for my sick child?"

Next a shot of the drugstore with a glittering array of clearly inferior laxatives from which the astute druggist unhesitatingly picks a bottle of So-and-so's and waves it in our faces with a satisfied smirk.

Then unaccountably some policemen's legs, slightly awave, and there we are on a street corner in distant Washington listening to an excited young man trying to get something intelligible out of two terrified urinals, shot violently into our range of vision by an unseen hand.

Terrifies More

Into their completely blank faces he thrusts a microphone, which clearly terrifies them more. One world disintegrates into a shivering mass. "That's the refrigerator," says Little Isidore confidently. "Refrigerator? Nuts!" growls Big Nig. "That is Clancy starting the patrol car outside."



"A TINY MAN... in what looks like a silk hat!"

The excited young man has vanished. Now the camera points straight up. Over and over and over the world spins.

One's stomach feels slightly out of gear as when the train alongside which one's own has almost stopped speeds up again and one seems to be reeling backwards.

High up in the sky a fleet of coal-black aeroplanes moves unsteadily against a sky of glittering chalky white. They bob in unison like marionettes, until the cameraman has brought himself back on to an even keel.

Suddenly they change—another queer moment. Now they are gliding white, and it is the sky that is a sulky velvet black.

The announcer goes on talking non-stop. He has described everything in sight, pointed out the flags and the crowds, and named the streets and buildings.

Now he is reeling off some anecdotes about Jefferson and Madison, and Theodore Roosevelt.

He switches to a distance shot of Capitol Hill, extremely distant, at least 10 miles away it looks.

There is the familiar dome and the long wide sweep of Pennsylvania Avenue.

At that moment the television "earthquake" strikes. The Capitol staggers. It shudders and shakes and seems about to fall.

Spectators and photographers up there in the trees wave madly in the air, thrown wildly from side to side. Then everything goes dark.

Chanting on in the blackness is the reassuring voice of that young announcer: Nothing fades him. Now he is reciting off names of Presidents long dead, some dates of note in American history.

"Gimme a beer," grunts Harry the Horse suddenly. The barman looks threatening at the rest of us. So we all say: "Me, too. Same again."

The announcer's voice goes frantic. "Here he comes," he yells up apparently on the point of apoplexy.

"President Harry S. Truman, Chief Magistrate of the United States of America. The President! There he is! Look! The President in person!"

We all look. Sure enough far away in the distance on the still madly jiggling Pennsylvania Avenue a minute car is seen.

In it, a tiny man in what looks like a silk hat.

Slowly into view, shivering with the worst case of ague anybody here has ever seen, comes a cavalcade of cars.

Marching along by the side of them a battalion of men who apparently represent the Ku-Klux-Klan since they are all in snowy white nightshirts.

Now they look like undertakers—they changed into black while I wasn't looking. Some guns in the park along the way are popping off puffs of cottony smoke.

The blimp is steady

No sound comes out of them, or if it does we cannot hear it for the voice of that announcer.

He isn't reciting dates any more. Now he is listing the names of all the people in the cars as they pass—full names, full middle initials, full military rank.

At this distance we cannot tell a full admiral from a Boy Scout, but he is probably right.

The world reels again. Back into the sky go our eyes. There is a nice shiny navy blimp going over at a steady 20 miles an hour.

The camera likes this blimp and stays with it for eight minutes by the clock.

It is the only steady influence in a world fast shaking to pieces.

In the meantime the cavalcade has moved on. The earthquake is apparently still going on full blast when we get back to the Capitol where some ceremony seems to be taking place, roughly 30 miles away it looks.

Big Nig finishes his beer. "I feel seasick," he says forthrightly. So do I though I don't say so out loud.

A Scotch—to end

I slide off my stool. A Broadway showgirl with last night's makeup still on slides into my place.

Deliberately she spins it round until her back is toward the making of history.

"Scotch," she says briefly. "I need it after watching that thing."

I walked out none too steadily myself. It wasn't what I had been forced to imbibe to see the biggest television broadcast of all time. I am sure of that.

For the earth tremors stopped the moment I stepped outside. Broadway was just the same as usual.

William Hickey

Under the spreading B.B.C.
The village smithy stands.

NOT QUITE true

For the B.B.C., like Hitler, is reluctant to make "its last territorial demand." It illustrates once again the safe rule that Government departments and monopolies like a lot of room to spread in.

At some distant date the whole B.B.C. organisation is to move into two buildings yet unbuilt—one next door to Broadcasting House and one at Shepherd's Bush—and then presumably the scattered staffs will be heading for the last round-up.

But for the present the conglomeration of entertainers and engineers, singers and stenographers, musicians and maintenance men, control the air waves from about thirty different points around London.

Shops, houses, flats, office blocks, concert halls, cinemas, a school, a chapel, a mission hall, and a skating rink are all roped into the net.

NOEL JOHNSTON, now saying good-bye to DICK BARTON, also says good-bye to the old Grafton Theatre in Tottenham Courtroad, where most of The Special Agent's activities were handled.

WATERLOGGED SPA and MUCH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH are really the same place—the Paris Cinema in Lower Regent-street, which on Saturday nights becomes the GOLDEN SLIPPER CLUB.

SANDY MACPHERSON spends his Twilight Hour in the loneliness of the solitary studio in the Jubilee Chapel at Hoxton, N. Sound-reason: they keep the theatre organ there.

The slow ripening of those subtle dance band melodies may be coming anywhere from the old skating rink in Delaware-road, W.9, to the Aeolian Hall (where producer FRANCIS



WORSLEY has his office)—or even from the old Pop Cafe in Piccadilly.

Since last June the news has been read from Egon House—opposite the main B.B.C. building. The announcers reach it by an underground tunnel which once was an air-raid shelter.

And every night the B.B.C. takes and collects the dozen or so Portuguese and Spaniards from Edgware Station who run the Latin-American services—from an exclusive old country club at Aldenham, Herts.

To the Corporation's personnel the most important place of all is part of an office block in Charterhouse-street, E. C. There sit the Wages Dept., counting out the money. They overlook the Meat Market.

THE TURF Club has been having property problems of a different kind.

Breaking all traditions (founded 1865) the members decided that these hard times justified raising a little extra money by letting off part of the basement of their sumptuous Piccadilly premises—as a shop.

After the expected opposition the proposal was carried, and a rent of £1,000 a year was fixed.

It was then that the Gentlemen of the Turf came up against the department of that well-known Town and Country Planner, Mr. LEWIS SILKIN.

They learned that the Property Development Charges imposed by the State would swallow up all the profit to be obtained from letting their basement. Deal abandoned.

Thus respectability triumphed over vulgar trade.

AROUND the Chancery Court the other day—after the Socialist Party had lost the fight to keep £120,000 left them in the will of ROBERT ADDY HOPKINSON—they were saying: "Where there's a will there's always a way out of it."

In the past year legacies worth £400,000 failed to reach the right bank balances because half a dozen

men and women got muddled over their last wills and testaments. Costliest mistake: by philanthropist CALEB DIPLOCK. He left £203,000 to "charitable or benevolent institutions."

That single word "or" made the whole thing invalid—and the hospitals which received the money had to pay it back.

WHO please, can find that hard-shelled, soft-centred woman to dispense wisdom and winks in British films? The West End stage, at a pinch, can produce a couple of little acid drops to help along those intimate revues.

But Hollywood has always had a few tougher females on hand. The slick slanging matches used to be won regularly by GLENDA FARR-RELL and JOAN BLONDELL. Then came INA CLARE. But for the last few years there has been only one—MISS EVE ARDEN.

EVE ARDEN. She is that fair (this type is always a blonde!) sophisticated young woman who strides into the scene, hisses the best line in the script from the corner of her drooping mouth which isn't occupied with the long cigarette-holder—and steals the picture.

She is chic and smooth—drinks milk with the casual air of a woman who has a chinchilla in cold storage.

But underneath it all there is that familiar heart of gold. When the less well-groomed gals meet trouble, Eve is there. BETA HAYWORTH, VIRGINIA MAYO, YVONNE DE CARLO have all used the beautifully dressed Arden shoulder to cry on in at least one film. Forever cool and poised, she offers words of comfort in epigrams.

Is there an Eve Arden in the house in Britain?

Margaret Lockwood picture "Look Before You Love" has been released. In it a tall, fair, sophisticated young woman named PHYLLIS STANLEY appears.

Miss Stanley is very much the Eve Arden type in looks. Miss Stanley's lips can droop the right way. Her long-legged stride (she used to be a dancer) can sweep her across sets in the Arden manner.

At 33—married to American STEPHEN MILLAR, and mother of a seven-year-old daughter—Miss Stanley has no wish to be a film star.

She is an ex-Cochran young lady who was probably the first girl to do a strip-tease in a crinoline bus. Her chance to play straight drawing room comedy collapsed when Mario Tempest, with whom she was rehearsing for a new play, died.

"But I would so like to be the top feature player of British films," she says. "I don't think we actually want the New Yorker character in British films—but our own equivalent of the witty girl about town in Mayfair."

Perhaps busy-bees NOEL LANGLEY or TERENCE RATTIGAN could spare a little time on building her up into the type of woman that every film-goer loves.

Mr. ANTHONY FELL is a young man in a hurry—to get into Parliament. As Tory candidate he defied the Socialist majority at Brigg last March, is now going to fight for Hammer-smith. South—the only man to make two shots to become an M.P. within the past year. But his record slipped the other night. Billed to speak before Young Tories in the City of London, he arrived as the meeting was breaking up. A stand-in had spoken for him.

IT has been a week of harsh words among the artists.

EVELYN VAUGHAN finds herself described in America as "looking like an indignant White Leghorn." Poet JOHN BETJEMAN, asked by a group of would-be writers from Oxford what to do for a living until their books began to sell, gave this advice: "Get a job as a stationmaster where there's one train a day."

MICHAEL LEWIS, son of SIR CLAIR LEWIS and DOROTHY THOMPSON, is in London studying to be an actor. He has some cold words to say about London—"Cramped, cheerless—but conducive in atmosphere to studying the gloomier aspects of 'Hamlet'."

His fellow students in turn look forward to hearing his Main-street accent declaiming: "Ta be er narta be."

NANCY Naturally



TEST MATCH

INDIA'S GALLANT
BID FOR VICTORY

Bombay, Feb. 7.—India made a gallant bid for victory against the West Indies in the fifth Test here today by getting the West Indies out for 267 and then scoring 90 runs in 95 minutes for the loss of three wickets in a fight against the clock.

On the final day tomorrow India will have to score 271 in 300 minutes if she is to win the match and tie the series. A most thrilling finale to the tour can be expected.

India did an excellent job in dismissing the West Indies' remaining seven second innings wickets today for the addition of 115 runs. Bannerjee, the fast bowler, who was only included in the Indian team at the last minute, took four wickets for 50 runs, while Mankad claimed three for 77.

When play commenced this morning the West Indies had their first shock when Atkinson was out to the second ball of the day before scoring.

The Indian bowlers continued to make the most of the slightly wearing wicket and batsmen tumbled at regular intervals. The opening bat, Rae, was unlucky to be caught on the boundary when three runs short of his century.

India, needing 301 to win, made a disastrous start, losing both their opening men for nine, but Amarnath, with some brilliant strokes, with most improved the position with a stand of 74, which was ended just before the close with Amarnath's dismissal.

Modi and Hazare remained together until stumps were drawn, when after 95 minutes battling the score stood at 90 for three.

The close of play scores were: West Indies 268 and 267; India 193 and 90 for three.—Reuter.

MCC Held To
A Draw

Salisbury, Rhodesia, Feb. 7.—A third wicket stand of 110 between two young batsmen, Pretorius and Curran, robbed the MCC of victory over Rhodesia here today when the match was left drawn.

Rain prevented a start today until 45 minutes before tea and conditions hardly justified play then.

George Mann, however, was eager to keep faith with the public and so started as soon as possible after the rain ceased.

The outfield was then still sodden and the area around the pitch so saturated that bowlers of any pace could not get a foothold. Gladwin once fell and grazed his elbow, which needed attention.

Mann would have been justified in delaying the start, in which case the ball would not have got so wet and lost its shine so quickly. This might have allowed Dedeser to repeat his performance of Saturday.

The final scores were: MCC 228; Rhodesia 61 and 191 for five.—Reuter.

Cricket Averages
For All Matches

The following are the averages for all matches, League and friendly, in local cricket of First Division standard so far this season:

BATTING:

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	20	3	732	110	43.05
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	18	5	555	69	42.69
J. M. Gosano (University)	18	4	540	122	41.53
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	18	6	434	82	30.16
A. Owen (Craigengower)	14	4	349	61	34.90
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	19	3	506	102	31.62
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	16	5	339	79	30.81
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	14	2	354	85	29.50
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	13	2	302	71	26.13
A/C J. S. Dine (RAF)	16	3	308	56	25.23
A. M. Prata (Iberia)	21	0	495	64	23.57
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	13	0	297	59	22.84
C. H. Jones (Craigengower)	13	0	297	59	22.84
Major A. R. Dawe (Army)	16	2	305	78	21.78
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	18	3	296	47	19.73
W/Cdr A. D. Panton (RAF)	16	2	275	68	19.64
F. R. Zimmerman (KCC)	16	0	268	57	19.06
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	20	2	328	58	16.22
Major C. R. Murray-Brown (Army)	16	0	290	62	18.12
N. Hart-Baker (Army)	13	1	215	56	17.91
M. M. Little (Optimists)	20	2	321	48	17.83
D. H. Lench (Scorpions)	20	2	321	48	17.83

* Not Out. Qualification: 200 runs for an average of over 17.50.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cpl Hart (Royal Navy)	66	20	480	21	8.57
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	105	28	323	37	8.72
Lt A. Steple (Army)	204	46	563	65	8.96
Gnr D. Banton	222.3	53	598	65	9.20
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	70	6	290	32	9.26
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	240.1	67	677	71	9.53
J. C. Koh (University)	118.3	13	420	44	9.58
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	82.3	14	247	24	10.04
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	100.5	37	307	37	10.72
C/O L. White (Royal Navy)	177.3	47	428	38	11.26
L/Cpl J. Jones (Army)	95.4	16	314	27	11.62
Lt L. Lean (University)	107	35	549	45	12.17
D. McLellan (Optimists)	97.1	8	413	33	12.51
F/O E. N. Cambrill (RAF)	251.3	55	770	61	12.62
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	116.5	16	261	20	14.05
A. L. Smith (CCC)	92.5	29	595	42	14.10
A. J. Aruelli Jr. (IRC)	146.3	30	493	33	15.00
R. E. Leo (KCC)	153.3	22	474	31	15.29
F. R. Zimmerman (KCC)	152	35	615	30	17.16
S. M. Teh (University)	107	27	562	31	18.12
T. Crabtree (Craigengower)	107.1	31	648	35	18.51
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	100.5	33	648	35	18.51
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	133.5	8	478	25	19.12

Qualification: 20 wickets for an average of under 20.00.

HEIN TEN HOFF



Hein Ten Hoff, Dutch-born heavyweight champion of Germany, strikes a fighting pose in front of a portrait of Joe Louis, whose crown he someday hopes to wear. The 29-year-old fighter, just arrived in the United States from Hamburg, has scored 14 knockouts, 2 wins and 1 draw in his 17 professional contests.

WORLD TABLE TENNIS TOURNEY

British Women Reach
Corbillion Cup Final

Stockholm, Feb. 8.—Hungary won Group "A" of the Men's Swaythling Cup table tennis tournament and will meet Czechoslovakia, the winner of group "B", on Monday night for the trophy.

The United States and Britain won the "A" and "B" groups of the Corbillion Cup respectively on Monday and will meet in the final match on Monday night.

Result included:

SWAYTHLING CUP

Group "A"

USA beat Finland 5-0;
Hungary beat Yugoslavia 5-0;
Wales beat Luxembourg 5-0;
Norway beat Finland 5-4;
France beat Norway 5-0.

Group "B"

Czechoslovakia beat Scotland 5-1
and Denmark 5-1;
Austria beat Holland 5-0;
Sweden beat Brazil 5-3;
Austria beat Switzerland 5-0;
England beat Scotland 5-0;
Holland beat Brazil 5-3.

FINAL STANDINGS

Group "A"

	Wins	Defeats
Hungary	7	0
USA	5	1
France	5	2
Yugoslavia	4	3
Norway	3	4
Finland	2	5
Denmark	1	6
Scotland	0	7

Group "B"

	Wins	Defeats
Czechoslovakia	7	0
Britain	5	1
Austria	4	2
Italy	4	2
Holland	3	3
Switzerland	2	4
Brazil	1	5
Denmark	1	6
Scotland	0	7

CORBILION CUP

Results in the Women's Corbillion Cup Tournament were:

United States beat Denmark 3-0;
Hungary beat Norway 3-0;
Czechoslovakia beat Yugoslavia 3-0;
Holland beat Norway 3-0.

Group "B"

France beat Wales 3-0;
Sweden beat Finland 3-0.

FINAL STANDINGS

Group "A"

	Wins	Defeats
United States	7	0
Hungary	5	1
Czechoslovakia	5	1
Scotland	4	2
Yugoslavia	3	3
Holland	2	4
Denmark	1	5
Norway	0	7

Group "B"

	Wins	Defeats
Britain	6	0
France	5	1
Austria	4	2
Wales	3	3
Sweden	2	4
Italy	1	5
Finland	0	6

The Kowloon Chess Club takes pride in the fact that more nationalities are represented on its roster of 70-odd members than any other club in the Colony can boast of.

There are members who drop in of an evening on their quarterly visit to the Colony after a trip to South America and others who are there every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year.

Rinty Monaghan
Loses On Points

Harringay Arena, London, Feb. 7.—Twenty-four-year-old Londoner, Terry Allen, the champion of Southern England, tonight beat on points over eight rounds at catchweights the world flyweight champion, Rinty Monaghan, of Belfast.

A capacity crowd of 10,000 spectators saw Allen give the world champion a sound beating, but Monaghan, a well known singer, was not too done to sing to the crowd from the ring at the finish.

In the second welterweight fight, Eddie Thomas, of Wales, beat Billy Graham, of New York, on points over ten rounds at ten stone seven pounds.—Reuter.

FRANK BUTLER'S COLUMN

Germans Want To
Fight In Britain

Walter Neusel slipped quietly into London recently to negotiate the re-entry of German boxers to Britain. Back in Germany he is wooing British and American authorities with some political success because Hein Ten Hoff, Frankfurt heavyweight, arrived in New York. Don't be hasty to the Hun?

Charlton's Jimmy Seed agrees that Westwood (Manchester City) is the best left back in Britain. . . . Italian Police used tear gas to free a football referee from angry Ewe-Italians when Bologna beat Busto Arizio 2-0 on Monday night. At one time Chelsea fans shed tears weekly.

Sixty-four-year old Owen Moran, one of Britain's greatest featherweights, is seriously ill in his native Birmingham, but the man who drew with Jim Driscoll was cheerful at the visit of Lee Savold and Billy Daly. . . . Colin Jones, young printing apprentice from Bath, who scored 40 goals in 12 games as centre forward for Whiteley Wanderers, has joined Portsmouth as an amateur. . . . Gene Tunney cutely told Sydney boxing writers that Dempsey was the greatest heavy-weight of them all. As the smart Mr Tunney twice pinned back the Old Mauler's ears, this is a modest way of saying who Gene really thinks was the greatest of them all.

PATTON TO QUIT

Mel Patton, who won the Olympic 200 metres at Wembley, and has run 100 yards in 9.3 secs, says he will quit the track to provide for his wife and daughter. A man must feed as well as speed. . . . Harry Alcock, Southrop, United secretary, has advised Brian Farnsworth, ten-year-old Sheffield boy who offered his services to the team, to "eat more pudding before he is ready for senior football." I suggest a dose of blisquith before Brian takes the field. . . . Keith Miller, Australian all-rounder, is having eye treatment following months of playing in bright sunshine. He can't blame England for that. . . . Bruce Woodcock insists Johnny Ralph must insure himself for £1,000 to be fit for their proposed Johannesburg rendezvous on March 26. . . .

Wharfedale Football League (Yorkshire) representative G. R. Baxter says: "I have never heard anything like the language used by a woman supporter to the referee—and I've worked in a woollen mill for years." Who's been pulling wool over Mr Baxter's ears? . . . Ralph Carter, Hull City player-manager, recommends 12 hours' sleep the night before a match. Joe Louis guarantees at least ten seconds' sleep the night of the fight—for the other guy. . . .

'VICE GOAL'

Spanish humorist Fernandez Flores has created a new Soccer term, "vice goal," which means an unlikely miss. The term which has become the rage of the Spanish Press and fans would be a ready-made excuse for managers here. . . .

John Bromwich, Australian tennis ace, who refused to fly to America for the Davis Cup last summer, may miss the team again next summer, because tentative air reservations have been made by the Australian L.T.A. . . .

Randolph Turpin, coloured Leamington middle-weight, looked good against Lee Savold at Birmingham until Lee released a left hook, whereupon Randolph realised why the "P" was dropped in Leamington Spar. . . .

The interest in the fight game in Leicester in the days of Reggie Meen has been revived now that Jack Gardner, Market Harborough's White Hope, is due to tackle Nick Fisher at the Grunby Halls, January 31. . . . Olga Rubtsova of Moscow, has become woman chess champion of the Soviet Union for the sixth time since 1927. And still the Volga rolls on Olga. . . .

Swiss referee Louis Mellow, scored Billy Thompson one point ahead of Josef Preys, the reluctant Belgian, after Monday's Blemington fight. I would have awarded the verdict to the 6,000 Midlanders who kept awake. . . . Trieste fight promoters are rubbing their hands, because demand by American and Irish troops for tickets for the Dick Turpin-Tiberio Mitri return is so great that the Idroscalo Arena is to be enlarged to seat 6,000 fans. Even Rome wasn't built in a day. . . .

The batting boys offer 100-1 that the Cup Final will be played between Chelsea and Luton. Hold it, suckers, Wembley Stadium lies between Luton and Chelsea. . . .

FANLING GOLF

The week-end at Fanling saw the semi-final matches for the Junior Championship in which Dr J. B. Mackie beat C. H. T. Suen and S.S. Gordon beat L. Goldman after a four struggle the match going to the 20th hole. . . .

The final over 30 holes will take place next Sunday. The Captain's Cup qualifying rounds were played on both courses and on the Old course resulted in a tie between J. Forbes and J. D. Mackie with 73 and on the New course L. C. Saville qualified with 72. . . .

Good progress was made with both the mixed foursomes and the Men's foursomes. The latter provided another bitter struggle between G. D. Carter and D. A. O. Davies, who conceded 14 strokes and E. W. Groves and J. Pattinson the latter winning on the 20th green. . . .

Members are reminded that a cocktail party is being held at Deep Water Bay on Friday, February 18, when prizes will be presented at 7 p.m. for all outstanding competitions. Tickets may be had on application to the Club Office. (Tel. 32340). . . .

Golf Or Politics

London, Feb. 8.—Should a general election take place in England during the coming summer, Britain's golf team will be robbed of a most popular captain. This is because P. B. Lucas has been chosen to lead Britain against the United States in this year's Walker Cup golf match, but he is also prospective Conservative candidate for an Outer London constituency at the next election. . . .

Lucas has let the political authorities for his constituency know that he will not go to America with the golf team if there is an election in the late summer.—Reuter.

Australian Mile
Record Endorsed

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 7.—A dead athlete's time for the mile—4 minutes 16.8 seconds—has been endorsed as the Australian record. . . .

The Australian Amateur Athletic Union has endorsed the time of Gerald Backhouse, killed in the R.A.F. over Germany in 1942, following statutory declaration by track officials. . . .

Previously there was no written record of the time, established in Melbourne on February 19, 1938.—United Press.



FA CUP

Manchester U
Win Through

Manchester, Feb. 7.—The FA Cup holders, Manchester United, won their way into the fifth round of this year's competition here today when they beat Bradford in their second replay by five goals to nil.

Burke put the United ahead in the 28th minute of the game, and after the interval they completely outplayed their Second Division opponents. . . .

In the second half of the game two goals by Rowley and another by Burke put the United well on top and Pearson completed the scoring in the end. . . .

Another huge crowd watched today's match, the attendance being over 70,000. . . .

The aggregate attendance for the three matches was 183,205, which yielded over £15,000. . . .

Manchester United will now entertain the "Giant Killers," Yeovil Town, in the fifth round on Saturday.—Reuter.

Blackpool Nails
Were Too Long

London, Feb. 7.—At half time in the Blackpool and Stoke City Cup replay on Saturday, the Stokes' manager, R. McGorry, protested to the referee that Blackpool players had nails above the regulation length in their boots. . . .

The referee examined the boots, supported the protest and ordered the Blackpool men to have the nails hammered down. . . .

Joe Smith, the Blackpool manager, said: "Our players were studded up for hard ground. The pitch eased during the first half and the top layer of leather came off two or three of the boots."—Reuter.

Scottish Cup

Glasgow, Feb. 7.—The draw for the third round of the Scottish Cup matches, to be played on Saturday, February 19, was made today as follows: . . .

Hearts v Dumbarton or Dundee United
Morion v Alloa or Clyde
Byes awarded to:
Dundee v St Mirren;
Stenhousemuir or Albion Rovers;
Partick Thistle, East Fife, Hibernian or Raith
Rovers and Rangers.—Reuter.

Newcastle U. Bags
Robledo Brothers

Newcastle United, who placed 11 players on the transfer list to "thin out" their staff, have signed two new men at a cost of more than £20,000. . . .

The recruits, both from Barnsley, are 22-year-old Chilean-born George Robledo, centre forward, and his 20-year-old brother Ted a reserve left half-back. . . .

Newcastle received £18,000 from Middlesbrough for Andy Donalson, also a centre forward, so took part in transfers involving at least £40,000 in a week. . . .

George Robledo, who has recently been played at inside right, has been sought for two seasons by many clubs. He has obtained 13 goals in League and Cup this season and had four for the F.A. v R.A.F. at Highbury last October. . . .

Although his mother is English he is not eligible to play for England. He was brought to Barnsley when seven years old, spent a season with Huddersfield, and signed for Barnsley as a pro. when 17. . . .

Football League
President Dead

London, Feb. 7.—Football lost a leading personality by the death of Mr. William Charles Cuff, aged 80, President of the Football League, Vice-President of the Football Association and a member of the International Board. . . .

Mr. Cuff was a Liverpool solicitor and had spent a lifetime in football. One of the founders of Everton, he served as secretary, director and chairman for 17 years until last June, when he retired to devote his whole interest to the League. . . .

He was the brains behind the League.—Reuter.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

South African Gold Sales Cause Sensation In London

London, Feb. 7.—A minor sensation was caused in the City of London today by the South African Finance Minister's announcement that South Africa has made a small beginning at taking advantage of the premium of gold in the world free market.

London stock brokers agreed with the view reported from the Johannesburg stock exchange that while the benefits would be small a precedent had been created which, over a period, might have very important effects.

Particular attention was given to reports that the sale of 12,500 fine ounces over a period of eight weeks was regarded as an

experiment and that negotiations would be reopened for any further sales.

According to the South African Finance Minister, the 12,500 ounces, alloyed to 22 carats, has been sold to a London bullion house at £320 per ounce. Previously all South African gold sales (except a special transaction with India during the war) have been at the United States' official price of \$35.

The buyers in the deal announced today were presumed to be in the Middle East and Far East.

Participation by a London bullion house implies that the deal does not contravene the International Monetary Fund's ban on gold dealings at a premium, since the Bank of England enforces this ban stringently on both the home and overseas dealings of the London houses—far more stringently than do the authorities in some other countries.

Twenty-two carat gold in the form of sheets, for example, would rank as manufactured gold, to which the IMF ban on gold bullion dealings does not apply.

Opinions differed on how much of South Africa's gold output the free market could absorb in dollars at a premium. It might be far from negligible, as witness the insatiable and similar demand for diamonds. If South Africa chose, barter transactions with soft currency countries might also enable her to get for her gold something nearer to its real value, which is commonly regarded as higher than the official price.

It was strongly felt, however, that South Africa would not press such transactions to any point which endangered the status of gold as a measure of value, a status which it is in South Africa's highest interest to uphold.

It was believed in London tonight that another type of transaction to benefit South African gold is under discussion, besides the one announced by the South African Finance Minister today.

Whether this additional transaction would prove feasible was not expected to be known for a month or so.—Reuter.

BIG DECLINE IN RUBBER FUTURES

New York, Feb. 7.—Number 1 contract rubber futures closed 45 to 51 points lower, and standard contract futures closed 40 to 42 points lower.

Prices favoured the downside all day in line with lower cables from London and Singapore. Influencing factors behind the price slump were the weakness in other commodities and the drop in the price of ribbed smoked sheets to 18-1/2 cents a pound from 19-3/4 cents.

There is a feeling throughout the trade that Indonesian rubber production is likely to take a sharp turn upwards.

The general belief is that there is a major downward adjustment in rubber prices at hand.

Standard contract rubber futures closed as follows: 10.25 nominal March, 10.18 bid; 10.20 nominal April, 10.10 bid; 10.25 bid May.

LONDON MARKET
London, Feb. 7.—Price in the rubber market here today closed as follows: April/June (in pence per lb.) 10-1/4; July/September 10-1/4.

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Closing Rates Feb. 7.	
Argentina (Peso Official)	US\$0.2077
Australia	2.23 1/2
Belgium	20.00
Canada	0.21 1/2
France	4.83 1/2
Germany	1.00 1/2
India	1.00 1/2
Japan	1.00 1/2
Netherlands	2.00 1/2
Portugal	2.00 1/2
South Africa	4.00 1/2
Sweden	2.00 1/2
Switzerland	2.00 1/2
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	1.00
Gold bars (per 100)	1.00
Gold coins (per 100)	1.00
Gold yuan (per 100)	1.00
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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local official exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 15.20; U.S. dollar (per \$1) 15.20; Gold bars (per 100) 1.00; FIC plates (per 100) 1.00; Silver coins (per 100) 1.00; Gold yuan (per 100) 1.00.

Daily Worker Attacks Jap Competition

London, Feb. 7.—The Daily Worker today took up the cudgels on behalf of British textile workers against Japanese low-priced labour.

"The swamped labour prices of Japanese silks offered for export provide real evidence of the growing threat to Britain's textile bid for world markets," the Daily Worker article said.

General MacArthur was blamed for this "unfair competition."

The article said: "With the full approval of the Supreme Command Allied Powers—the name for MacArthur's one-man show in Japan—buyers in the United States and in colonial countries have been wooed by price-lists of silks completely outstripping British products. What chance as a dollar-earner does British-made georgette stand—cost of production without profit 6/7d. per yard—against a comparable fabric exported from Japan at 2/1d. per yard?"

Another example given was twill—British cost of production without profit 6/- a yard against the Japanese overseas price of 2/7d.—United Press.

NEW TRADE TALKS

London, Feb. 7.—Britain and several Commonwealth countries will begin trade talks in Tokyo on February 15, hoping for a one-year £75,000,000 agreement with Japan.

A trade agreement reached last November between the Commonwealth and occupied Japan provided for a minimum trade volume of £55,000,000.

Anglo-American talks are now going on in Washington to determine what part cotton will play in the new agreement.

Both British and American cotton interests are concerned about the effects of Japanese competition on their textile industries, Board of Trade officials declared.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$260,200.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
GOVT. LOANS			
4% Loan	101		
2% Loan	101		
BANKS			
11K Bank	1010	15 1/2	1025
11K Bank	1010	24 1/2	1025
INSURANCES			
Canter	375		
Underwriters	520		
DOCKERS, ETC.			
K. Wharf (O)	145	50 1/4	140
K. Wharf (N)	140		
K. Wharf	715		
Doan	2015		
PROVIDENT			
11K Land	1530	15 3/4	1570
11K Land	1530	15 3/4	1570
Shal Land	330	340	350 1/2
Humphreys (O)	10		
Humphreys (N)	1315	14	
UTILITIES			
Star Ferry	2080	21 1/2	1500 1/2
C. Light (O)	1510	15 1/2	1540
C. Light (N)	1510	15 1/2	1540
C. Light (O)	1510	15 1/2	1540
C. Light (N)	1510	15 1/2	1540
Electric	30	40 1/2	1500 1/2
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	4015	41 1/2	500 1/2
Stores, ETC.			
Daily (O)	4415		
Daily (N)	4315		
COTTONS			
MISCELLANEOUS			
Entertainment	33		

Argentine's Exports Fall

Buenos Aires, Feb. 7.—Argentina's chief exports fell badly during the past year, according to the Boston Bank January Letter, which gives private estimates, since Government figures have not been available since last June.

The Letter says that beef export figures are down 25 percent from 1947, cotton and lamb shipments down 40 percent, and that grain shipments are down 40 percent during the last half of 1948, compared with the second half of 1947.

The Bank also reports that foreign wool sales dropped 40 percent against the same period last year.

—United Press.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

RING-a-ding-dong, ring-a-ding-dong! Hark! The Christmas bells across the snow—

Prognose: May I point out that this is February 8?

Myself: Forgive a newspaper man's eagerness to be first with the news.

Strabismus on the Amazon (V)

(From Strabismus)

FROM THE upper branches of a giant water-lettuce I saw in the hazy distance the mangrove swamps where the frightful Pumbo territory begins, the haunt of the hump, whose eggs will bring such joy to the English breakfast table.

As I climbed down I heard the weird call ("Hoo-hoo-hut-hoo") of the gorgeously-coloured nosopaca, the bird which sneers itself with gum from the mariboo tree and gets stuck to its nest until the tropical rains wash it free. How wide shot two peccaries yesterday and Blotiaux discovered the tiny swamp-trotter which Garstang introduced into the Selly Isles in 1887. Mrs Rawlins is becoming very tiresome. Her habit of trying to be kind to animals exposes us all to danger. When she asked, "What would that poor hungry crocodile like to eat?" How wide, whose nerves were on edge, after being stung by a sheep-sucker, said, "Try it with a bit of yourself."

In passing

IN my strident youth a girl who flirted too much was called "fast." Both words now belong to a past as remote as the great days of the Druids, so that I was surprised the other day to hear a girl say of another, "She's very fast." I might have known that she was referring to skill in athletic sports, and evidently to one of those galumphing, big-boned creatures who have about as much use for sentimental badinage as they have for a parasol or a fan.

SCIENCE AT WORK:

BRITISH ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENTS SHOWN

By MICHAEL GRANT

A NEW high-speed photo-electric transmitter which can transmit messages at the rate of 800 words a minute, was demonstrated recently in London by Cable and Wireless Limited.

The demonstration took place in the library of Britain's Institution of Civil Engineers.

Among other exhibits was a General Post Office submarine telephone repeater which increases the number of telephone circuits carried by one cable from 21 to 48. The London Fire Brigade showed a model of the latest enclosed pump, while the Fire Research Organisation exhibited a model of an apparatus for the protection of dipping tanks containing inflammable liquids, using a new method of producing fire-fighting foam with compressed air.

Another freighting exhibit was a new self-contained breathing apparatus using compressed air, reasonably light in weight and giving an air supply for more than 30 minutes.

Other exhibits included a hygrometer for measuring the dewpoint in confined spaces, and an apparatus to measure the electrical resistance of railway sleepers already laid, in order to detect sleepers having unusually low resistances. Such sleepers cause difficulties in track circuiting.

There was an apparatus designed to simulate the slight relative movement between two adjacent panels of a railway carriage in motion. In practice, this move-

ment makes point stoppings and fillings work loose.

There was a model of a new pump, the capacity of which may be varied while the pump is running. There were instruments for testing concrete, for measuring the aerodynamic oscillations of suspension bridges, and studying the cutting action of wood machine tools.

Most of these instruments are so far in model form only, but information about them may be obtained from the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London, SW1.

An interesting ceremony took place during the exhibition, when the library was connected with Barbados, British West Indies, 4,000 miles away, by wireless telegraphy and Sir Roger Hetherington, the President of the Institution, sent a message of greetings to the senior member of the Institution in Barbados.

Echo Fishing By Experiment

Five fishermen from England's most south westerly county to Cornwall went recently to Scotland to take part in an experiment.

Fishing boats working off the shores of Scotland have been equipped with echo-sounder gear to be used for pichard fishing. The latest echo-sounding installation consists of a transmitter, which periodically sends out a pulse of vibration of super-sonic frequency downwards from the ship's hull; this is produced either by "magnetostriiction" or by the use of the piezo-electric effect; and of a receiver which receives the echo from the bottom of the sea, both instruments being connected to the recorder. In that instrument the emission of the pulse starts a pointer moving across a roll of paper, while the echo is amplified to pass a current from the pointer through the paper, marking the paper in the process.

The distance the pointer had moved when the mark was recorded can be read off directly as the depth of water; it is not only accurate to about an inch in shallow water, but it also indicates the presence of shoals of fish. Thus the echo-sounder gear enables "blind" fishing to be carried out at night. The new method is expected to double pichard catches during the coming seven-months' season.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade)

YOUR BIRTHDAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

BORN today, you are a real traveler and never want to stay for long in one place. You are fond of seeing the world and will go from one end of it to the other. Because of this trait, you should make it a point to see that your career allows you to travel or you may be unhappy.

You are one to make a good impression upon those you meet. Sensitive to the opinions of others, you always try not to give offence and are friendly and congenial with almost everyone.

You have a great deal of determination and once you have set your mind on something, you are not likely to have it changed. No matter how many difficulties present themselves, you usually are able to find a way out. You remain calm in a crisis and because of this can be very valuable in a position of responsibility.

Your memory is excellent and you have an inquiring mind which tries to learn a little something new each day. Hence your store of knowledge is continually growing and you are able to call upon it in later years. You would make a good defence attorney, provided you believed thoroughly in your client.

You might seek a career on the stage or in films since your dramatic and imitative powers are better than average. Marriage is something you must consider carefully if you are to find complete happiness.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—An emotional day when unexpected changes may interfere with your usual programme of activity. Remain calm.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Changes may bring you added responsibilities. Welcome them as they may also bring an advancement in your job.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—You may be somewhat adventurous some today and anticipate good results. Be alert for opportunity.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Music and the other arts are favoured. Personal popularity can stimulate success in these fields.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—An active day. Guard against minor frictions in business or at the office due to high-tension speed.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—If you have a new idea, try out your plan. Chances for success today are excellent. Romance is good, too.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)—Make progress if you refrain from being overcritical. Avoid gossip. It could hurt someone's reputation.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Definitely a poor day for you. Put on the brakes and consider all actions before committing yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A friendly day. Your personal magnetism will determine, to a high degree, the friends you make now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You may be tempted to heed impulse when it comes to romance. A new job also may offer interesting possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be prepared for an unforeseen change. Anticipate a romantic episode.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If taking a journey you may meet a new friend who will prove important to your future. Be receptive.

DUMB-BELLS

THE ROMANS WERE FOND OF CARD GAMES! YES, WASN'T IT A MAN NAMED HORATIUS WHO HELD THE FIRST BRIDGE PARTY?



Check Your Knowledge

- Why did Londoners call the rocket bombs "Bob Hopes"?
- Why was the massacre of the Huguenots in Paris on August 24, 1672 called the "Massacre of St. Bartholomew"?
- What is the capital of India?
- Where was Alexander Graham Bell born?
- Who killed Macbeth in Shakespeare's play?
- Who wrote the novel "Frankenstein" in 1818?

(Answers in Column 3)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Chirpie Sparrow Told a Story

—It Was About a Snowman Who Melted—

By MAX TRELL

THIS is the story that Chirpie Sparrow told Knarr and Haind, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, the other morning, when he came to the window sill for his bread crumbs. "I'll tell it to you just as he told it to them."

"You know," he began, "the children built a snow man and stood him up on his feet in the garden between the stump of the old apple tree and the trellis where the roses bloom in the summer. He was quite a handsome fellow, as snow men go, with a big black hat and a fine thick cane and big brass buttons down the front of him. He even had a corn-cob pipe sticking out of his mouth. For several days he stood there, looking as if he had lived in that garden all his life (which maybe he had), and seeming to say that he never intended to leave it, even when the weather grew warm."

"But," Chirpie Sparrow went on, "no one can be sure of what can happen, and a snow man is no wiser than anyone else. For just night, after everyone in the house was fast asleep, a great wind-blew up, and went roaring and swirling and sweeping up and down the garden, when finally it blew away, nothing was left of the snow man but his black hat, his little row of brass buttons and his corn-cob pipe. The rest of him had quite disappeared goodness-knows-where. And the moon shone down brightly and everything was still and cold."

"Now I looked down from the corner of the barn where I have my winter nest," said Chirpie, "and I thought of how disappointed the children would be when they woke up the next morning and saw that their snow man was gone. But where had he gone to? He couldn't be far away, for there were his hat and his buttons and his corn-cob pipe. He was scattered over the garden. If only somebody could get him together again. So I called down as loudly as I could: 'Snow man! where are you?' Then from all parts of the garden, I heard a voice saying: 'Here's my leg! Here's my arm! Here's my nose! Here's my ear!' But all I could see as far as I looked was snow."

"Then suddenly I knew what to do. I flew down to the barn and I woke up the mice. They flew to the tree and woke up the squirrel. Then I flew around some more and woke up the chipmunk and the beaver and the mole and the badger and the dog and the cat, and I sent each one of them to different parts of the garden to gather the 'snow' man together again. And little by little, we all put together his arms and his legs and his head and his feet until, just as the moon went down, and the morning sun came up, there he stood again, with his hat and his brass buttons and his corn-cob pipe. The only thing that was missing was the tip of his nose. The wind had blown that into the chimney and into the fire and it had melted all away. But the children never noticed it. All they saw when they woke up was their snow man, as big, and as strong, and as handsome as he ever was."

The Wind Blow
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Rupert's Elfin Bell—5

Still feeling very inquisitive, Rupert runs to ask his mother, but she doesn't pretend to know the answer. So long as the house smoke blows the other way, and doesn't fill his cottage, and doesn't fill other people's cottages, that's all I care! she says. Rupert sighs. "I wonder if anybody knows what happens to it," he murmurs. At that moment the gate opens and Bill appears again. "I say, Rupert, the cypresses are back in the wood," he cries. "Come and see if they can answer your question."

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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

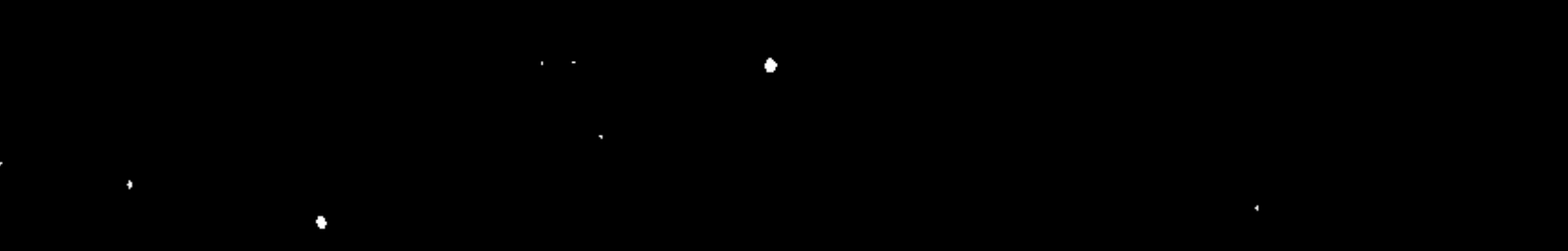
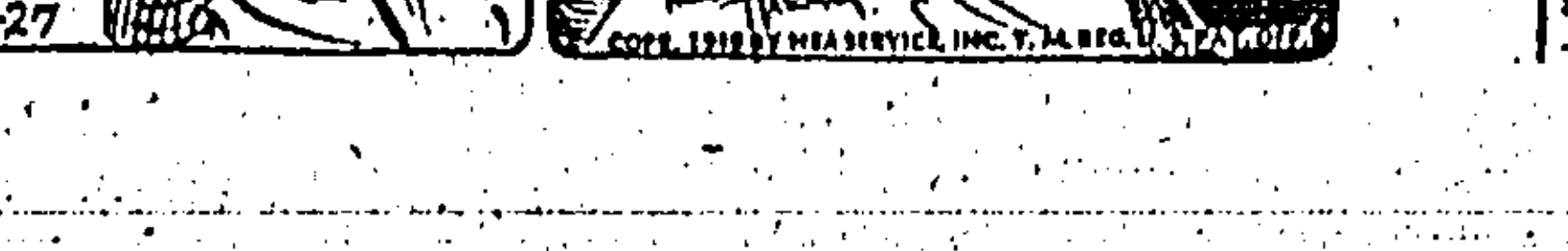
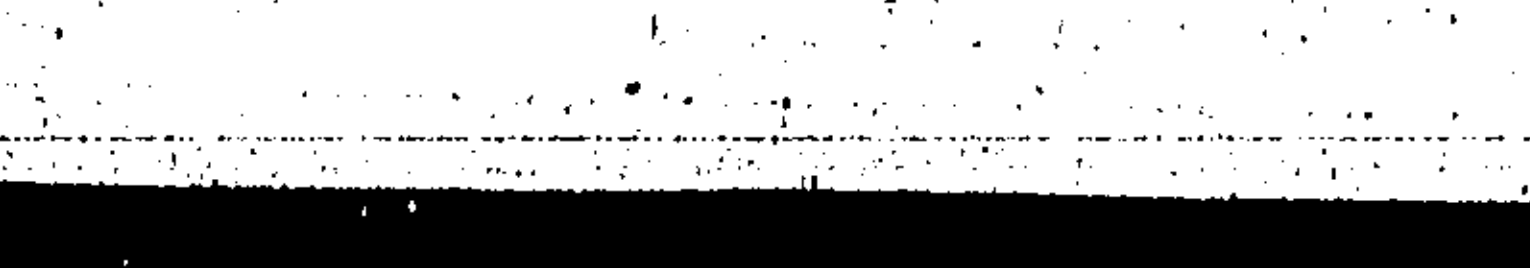
Answers

- It is a contraction of the expression "Bob Hope" and hope for the best.
- Because it occurred on St. Bartholomew's feast day.
- New Delhi.
- In Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Macduff.
- Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, second wife of the poet Shelley.

RED RYDER

Now They're Even

By Fred Harman



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Set Eight Tricks On One Bad Play

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

SOME of the most spectacular hands are those played in the various athletic clubs around the country. I have given you hands from time to time from the Indianapolis Athletic Club. At my own club in New York they come out with some fantastic results.

Today's hand was played at the St. Paul Athletic Club, St. Paul, Minn., and was sent to me by J. Lisle Jesmer, I hope to meet Mr. Jesmer and his group if I get out to the St. Paul Winter Carnival tournament February 11 to 14.

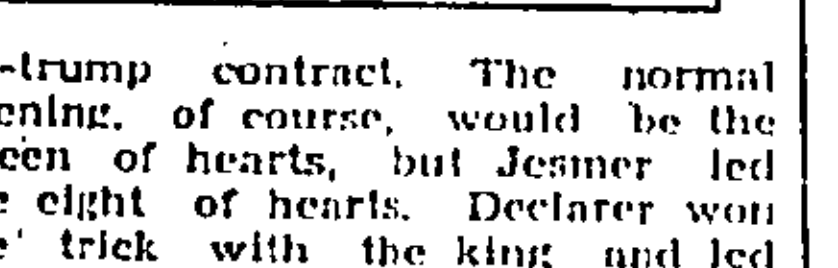
Jesmer (East) made a rather unusual opening against the three

no-trump contract. The normal opening, of course, would be the queen of hearts, but Jesmer led the eight of hearts. Declarer won the trick with the king and led the queen of clubs. When East showed out, declarer took what I think was a bad finesse. West won with the king and led back the deuce of diamonds.

If North had been a good guesser and had gone right up with the king of diamonds, he would have taken the balance of the tricks. But, instead, he put on the four-spots. Jesmer, won with the queen, cashed six heart tricks, led the eight of diamonds, and his partner cashed the balance of the tricks.

Instead of declarer taking 12 tricks and making three no trump doubled with three overtricks, the opponents took 12 tricks. Declarer was down eight tricks doubled for a loss of 1,500—a simple swing of a couple of thousand points.

CHess PROBLEM
By S. F. E. FLATAU
Black, 5 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-Kt1, any; 2. Q-Rch, ch, or dcl ch; B, or Kt mates.

Japan Seeking Big New Merchant Fleet

Opposition By U.S. Shipping Interests

Washington, Feb. 7.—The National Federation of American Shipping is opposed to allowing Japan to regain a merchant fleet similar to the one she had before the war. Further, the Federation does not want to allow Japan to charter foreign ships to enlarge its capacity to engage in overseas trade.

This attitude of American ship operators toward Japan's postwar maritime aspirations was disclosed after Tokyo reports said the Japanese are preparing to ask the occupation authorities for permission to charter foreign ships.

The Federation says this is the position of the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission, excepting the United States, which formulates governing policies for Japan. (The Far Eastern Commission has made no statement on its views of what size of fleet Japan should have.)

The Federation questioned the fairness of the reported Japanese plan to get permission for expansion of her fleet, saying:

"The fact that the Japanese Prime Minister took as a figure (6,330,000 tons) a so-called prewar tonnage as the all time peak of Japan's shipping—when military auxiliary vessels were included—does not argue well for the fairness of which the proposal may be submitted by the Japanese authorities."

"While contemplating the necessity of our erstwhile enemies and with every humane and compassionate feeling, it would seem to be paradoxical to elevate those who have recently been restrained by supreme military effort, and who were important factors in disturbing the peace of the world, to a position in world shipping relatively superior to that enjoyed by our own American ships prior to World War II or in the foreseeable future."—Associated Press.

NEEDS ONLY HALF

American ship operators hold that about half that tonnage is sufficient for Japan's present needs and those of the foreseeable future.

"Competent American and European authorities place the maximum tonnage of her (Japan) merchant fleet for reasonable participation in her domestic trade and her imports and exports at 2,000,000 gross tons of shipping," the Shipping Federation said.

"There is no justification for the reported intention of the Japanese to ask the occupation authorities for permission to charter foreign ships."

The Japanese contention that they can further help themselves to economic recovery through greater merchant fleet operation is false, the Federation says.

"It is impossible to restore Japanese economy and living standards through the operation of Japanese shipping on any reasonable basis," the Federation says. "Less than one percent of the Japanese national income prior to the war was derived from the shipping profits in the international trades."

The Federation urged that Japan be allowed only sufficient tonnage to handle all of its domestic commerce.

U.S. SHIPPING GOAL

The goal which American shipping is setting for itself is the carriage of its domestic trade, and a minimum of 50 percent of its own imports and exports," the Federation said.

"Even with participation in ECA (Economic Co-operation Administration) cargoes, maintenance of this position by our shipping is being found difficult."

"American ships in the Pacific are finding cargoes scarce. There is no justification for putting Japan in a more favourable shipping position than we seek for ourselves."

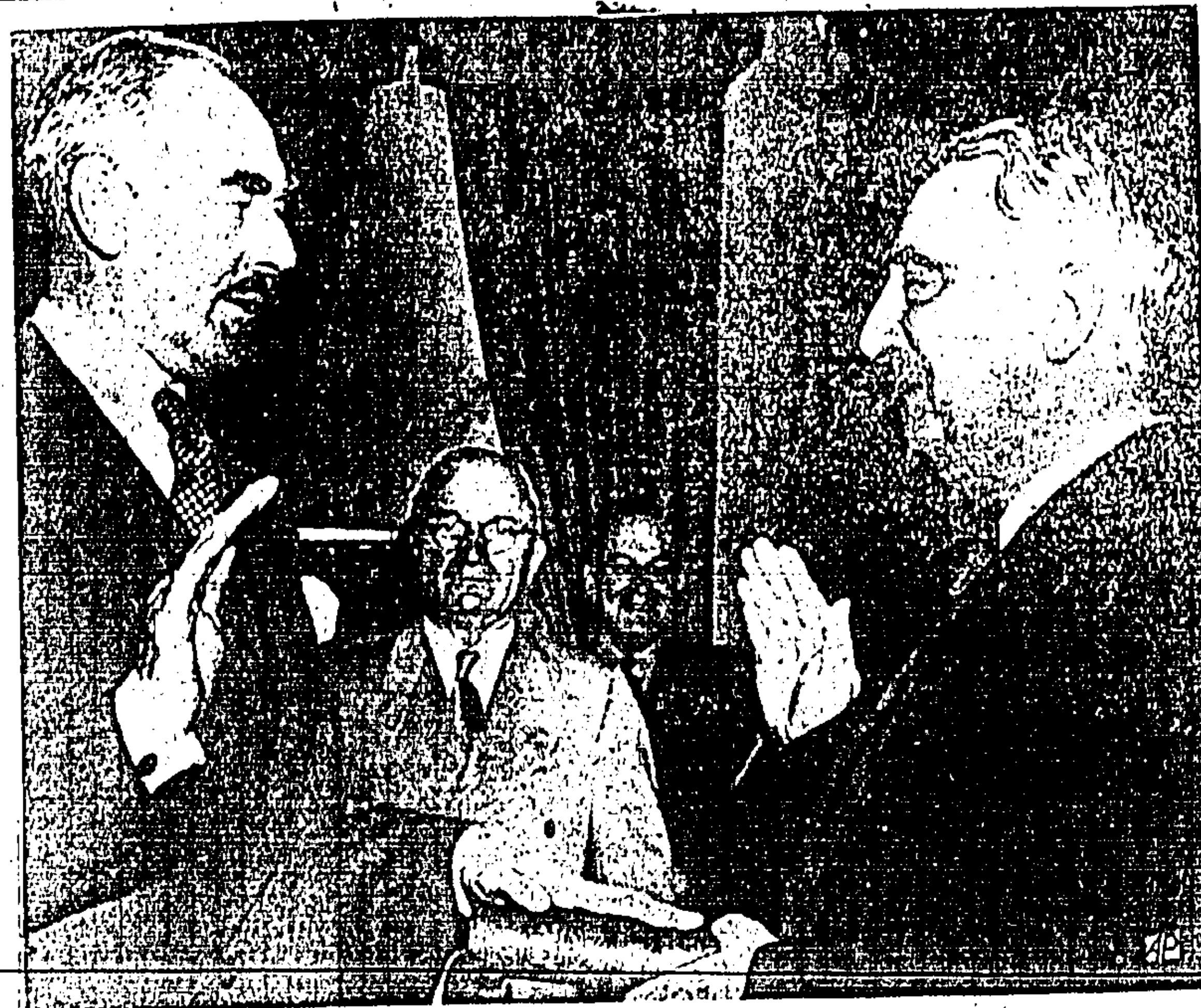
This would surely follow if Japanese ships with low paid crews were allowed substantially to expand in the Pacific overseas trades."

Estimates in Japan say Japan had about 6,330,000 tons of merchant shipping before the war.

"This is a misleading statement," says the Federation. "This is a peak figure and represents a very large buildup of merchant tonnage for auxiliary war purposes by the previous Japanese government."

A 2,000,000-ton fleet, according to the Federation, would give Japan "greater participation in her domestic and overseas trades than is today enjoyed by the United States in our trades of similar character."

Dean Acheson Takes Oath



Dean Acheson (left), is sworn in as secretary of state by Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson in President Truman's White House office. The president (centre), witnesses the ceremony from behind his desk. Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, presidential military aide, is in the background.—AP Picture.

\$3,000,000 A Year Income For Nizam

Surrenders Lands

Bombay, Feb. 7.—The fabulously rich Nizam of Hyderabad said on Monday that he has turned his vast land holdings over to the state in return for a pay increase estimated at well over \$3,000,000 a year.

Conquered Hyderabad's military Governor said the ruler has handed over 7,000 square miles of land for administration by the civil Government in a big new land reform. In return, the Nizam said, his Privy Purse, amounting to more than 10,000,000 rupees a year, will be increased.

Neither the Nizam, nor Major-General J. N. Chowdhury, the military Governor, revealed the extent of the increase in the Privy Purse, but it is reliably reported to be about 100,000,000 rupees.

FEDERALISM TO GO

In addition to this, the Nizam gets about 25,000,000 rupees a year from his surrendered lands. This is expected to be increased by 5,000,000 rupees, General Chowdhury told newsmen.

The Governor said the new land reform plan also is being circulated among other feudal landlords, who with the Nizam have held some 42 percent of the arable land in the state.

The land reform scheme is expected to improve living condition and deal a blow to Communist activities there. The land reform scheme aims eventually to abolish feudalism in Hyderabad.

Indian troops invaded the princely state of Hyderabad last September 13. The Muslim Nizam, who ruled 17,000,000 people, surrendered within a week. About four-fifths of his people are Hindus.—Associated Press.

Chinese Arrested In Manila

Manila, Feb. 8.—National Bureau of Investigation agents have arrested five Chinese nationals, suspected of having entered the country illegally, and three alleged confederates.

The arrests were made during a raid on a house in Northern Manila, believed to be an alien-smugglers' rendezvous.

The three confederates, Chinese residing in Manila, were believed to be connected with a ring of smugglers operating with the aid of an Immigration Bureau employee.

Those arrested on suspicion of illegal entry included Que Kien Han, who was said to have arrived from Amoy last October aboard a Dutch ship and reportedly had been trying to obtain papers to legalise his stay.—United Press.

Licensed Hotel For Non-Europeans

Cape Town, Feb. 7.—The first licensed hotel for non-Europeans in South Africa was opened here today by Mr. J. G. Corneus, Administrator of Cape Province.

He said he hoped the 280,000 hotel would be the forerunner of other amenities which the non-European community needed so much.—Reuter.

Berliners Feel Terror Of Secret Police

Berlin, Feb. 7.—The Social Democrats charged in Berlin on Monday night that the dread Soviet secret police force (AVD) had imposed a "terror regime" in the Russian occupation zone.

The anti-Communist Western Berlin press reported on Monday that 100 political refugees are fleeing to Berlin daily from Eastern Germany.

In a report entitled "political suppression of the German population in the Soviet occupation zone," the left of centre Social Democratic party said:

"The real holder of state power in the Soviet zone is the Soviet secret police."

TERROR REGIME

The Russians have re-established in their zone the successful terror regime developed by the Nazis with an all-powerful secret police force, concentration camps and forced labour camps.

The report said that the Russians have one informer for every 100 persons in the Soviet zone.

The French-licensed Kurier reported that an average of 100 Germans are fleeing to the Western sectors of Berlin every day from the Soviet zone.

Most of them are from the uranium mines at Aue, Saxony. The Kurier said that other refugees include "men and women of all professions and ranks of the population from all areas of the Soviet occupation zone."

An American military government official has reported that 1,189 Germans fled from the Soviet zone into Berlin during the first two weeks of January.

PRISON ACTIVITY

The American-licensed Der Abend reported renewed activity by the Soviet secret police at their main prison in Berlin.

"At present about 250 prisoners are held there, some since 1945, without having been interrogated more than once," Der Abend reported.

They include children and mothers with babies, it said and added: "The prisoners live in overcrowded cells without windows and their only light comes through a slit in the door. They sleep on wooden plank beds without blankets. Food is completely insufficient."

"For punishment the prisoners either are denied any food, are handcuffed or are brought to the stocks."

CONCESSION BY CHINESE REDS

Shanghai, Feb. 8.—The Chinese Communist authorities have given permission for one steamer to proceed from Shanghai to North China sometime this week to transport coal—the property of the Sino-British Kailan Mining Administration—to this city, according to Chinese reports today quoting shipping sources.

It is said that the steamer Greater Shanghai will be sent, flying the flag of the Kailan Mining Administration as required by the Communists.

Six shipping delegates, headed by Mr. Wei Wen-shan, chairman of the Shanghai Shipping Guild, will leave for Tientsin on-board the same steamer enroute to Peiping to see the Communist commander, General Yeh Chien-ying, Mayor of Peiping, and discuss arrangements for the resumption of regular shipping between North and South China.

They hope to arrange for the transportation of Kailan coal and soya bean from North China and wheat flour and daily use articles from Shanghai.—Reuter.

ABOLITION OF TITLES

London, Feb. 7.—A Daily Express poll of public opinion today said that 91 percent of the people in Britain favoured the abolition of hereditary titles.—United Press.

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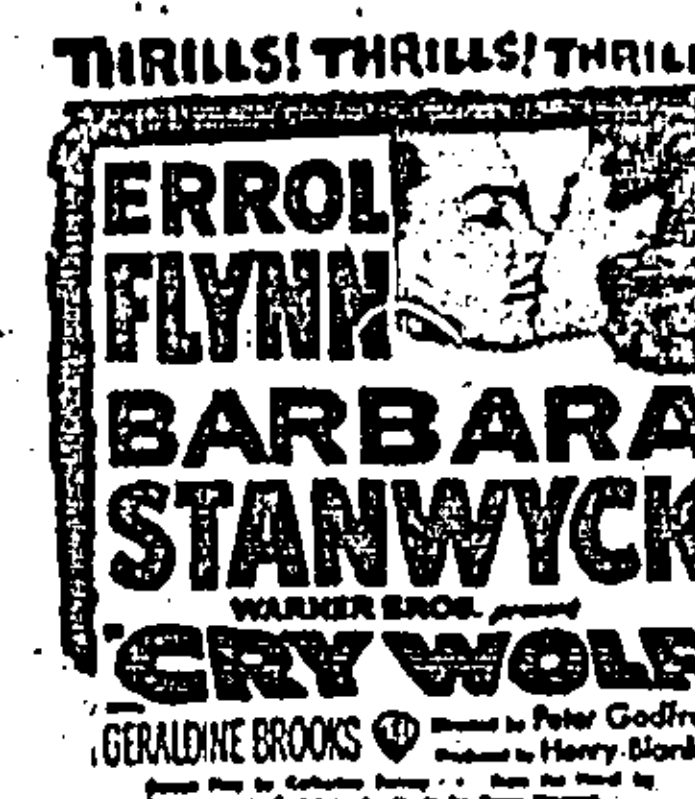
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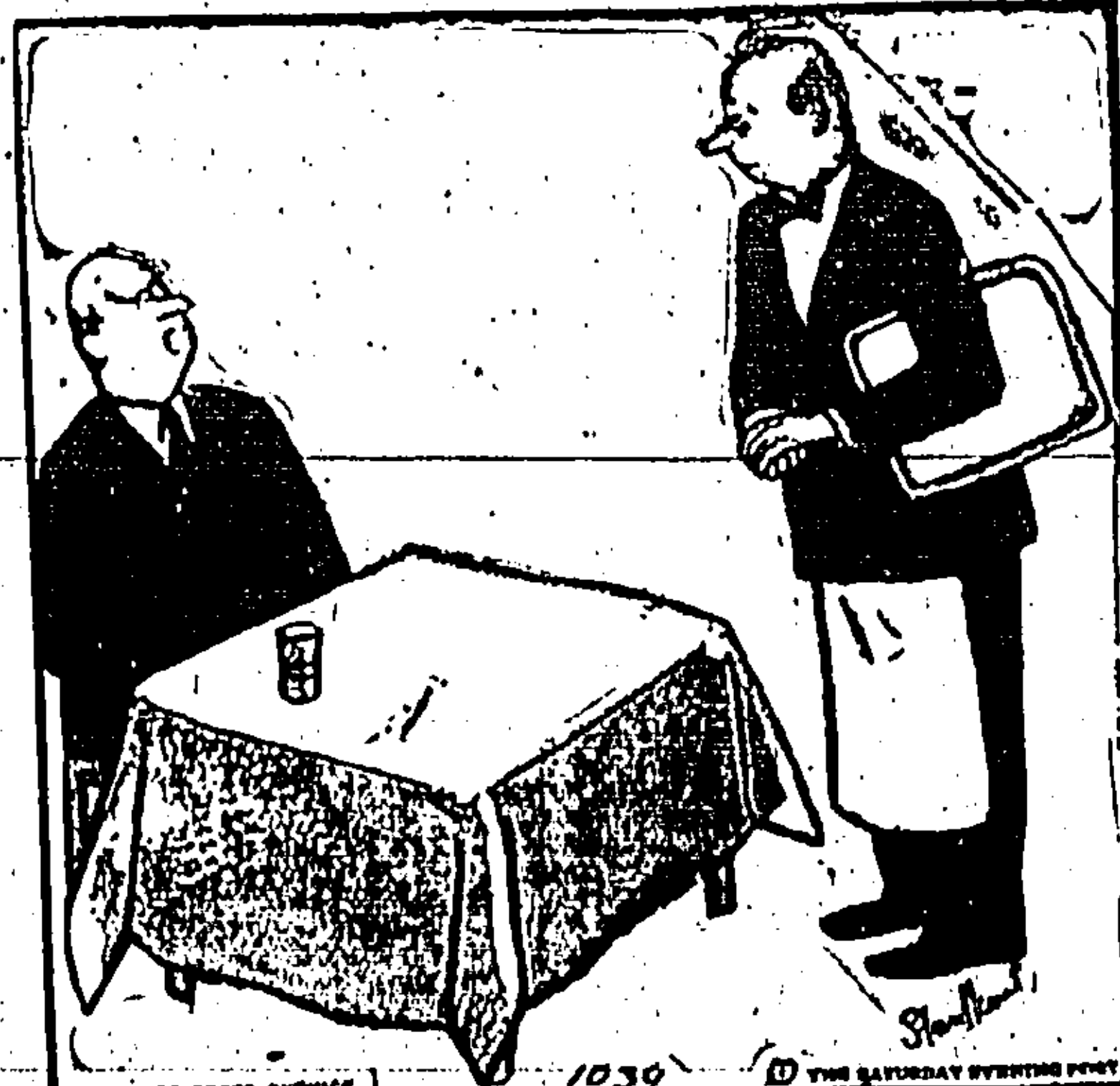
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